

SENATOR LANDIS: I will read for the body the two definitions that have been placed in question here and that is, a child caring agency shall mean an organization which is incorporated for the purpose of providing care for children in buildings maintained by the organization for that purpose. A child placing agency shall mean an organization which is authorized by its articles of incorporation and by its license to place children in foster family homes. So those standard definitions are being now incorporated not only for local boards, as has been the case recently, and from the inception of the Foster Care Review Board, those definitions are now being added to the state board membership as well. I would move for the advancement of 239.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Landis. The question is, shall LB 239 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. LB 385, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 385 was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on the 20th of January. It was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. They report the bill back to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, on the amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendments to LB 385, 385 deals with a systematic process by which we can expand the testing that we do with babies as they are born to identify them as potentially having serious mind or physically crippling diseases, or what have you. Right now we have to come to the Legislature, and every time we see a need to add a testing, this body makes that decision. We have only done it in a couple of cases but there are additional medical findings that are finding additional diseases that need to be tested and we think, and the Health Department thinks, that the process ought to be through the Health Department and their determination when they find cost/benefit ratio is there to do some of these tests, that they can administratively take that action. Well, in keeping with that philosophy, another bill,